

# Awards Criteria

## Climate Change Innovator Award

(Award for Members as individuals or as part of a team)

### Overview & Criteria

The Climate Change Innovator Award recognizes a member of the ABCFP, or a team of professionals, for outstanding contributions to innovations in practice and /or policy in response to current or anticipated impacts of climate change in the field of forestry. This is an interdisciplinary award and therefore may be conferred to an individual ABCFP member or a group that includes at least one ABCFP member.

The intent of the award is to identify practical innovators and promote excellence in professional practice, in light of a changing climate and the corresponding effects on forest ecosystems. Areas of focus for recipients can include, but is not limited to:

- applied research (academic or operational) that contributes to innovation in policy or practice;
- mitigation techniques;
- leading policy change around climate change;
- translating policy into innovative practices;
- awareness and education;
- improving existing practices to improve forest resilience; or
- regional leadership that drives improved practices.

The scope of these contributions may be at the community, regional, provincial, national or international level. It is recognized that each nomination is unique.

This award was created in 2013 as a formal recommendation of the climate change task force.

### Eligibility

The nominee must be an ABCFP member or team (with at least one member) in good standing and must not have been convicted of an indictable offense. Any class or category of membership is eligible for the award. Deceased persons may be nominated posthumously. Corporations or agencies may be named in the award, based on their contribution to the project.

## **Nominations**

Members, councillors, committee members and staff may put forward nominations for this award. Non-members can be part of the nomination team.

Members will be notified of the exact deadline via the association's magazine, electronic newsletter and/or website. The deadline is normally in early November. Late nominations will not be considered.

The nomination package must reflect the calibre of the award and the person(s) being nominated. The package must be submitted in its entirety otherwise it will be considered an incomplete nomination and will not be accepted.

The nomination package must include all of the following:

- Letter of nomination from one ABCFP member endorsed (i.e. signed) by five ABCFP members or non-members. The nomination letter must outline the reason(s) for the nomination. Refer to the overview and criteria section above to ensure the individual or team of individuals meet the standard for this award.
- A resume or biographical sketch of the nominee may be requested by the award determination sub-committee.

Nominators are accountable for the quality and accuracy of information contained in the nomination submission.

## **Selection Process**

Nominations from the ABCFP membership will be requested in the late summer of each year. Recipients are selected by council. Council may issue more than one award each year if nominees meet the criteria. For example, council may make one award to a life-long educator and another to a practitioner for their distinct contributions to this area of practice. Multiple awards may also be made to recognize regional excellence (e.g. northern Interior, southern Interior, coastal.)

On a case by case basis, council would also have the option to make honorable mentions to raise the awareness of groups or individuals with significant work in progress.

## **Presentation**

This award is usually presented at the President's Awards Banquet during the ABCFP annual conference.